

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8 line 19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Assuming an $n[x]$ number of sheets fits between two seams, i.e., $n[x] = \lfloor S/m \rfloor$ (where $\lfloor \rfloor$ represent Gaussian brackets). If S is not a whole number divisible by m , there is a remainder $r = S - n \bullet m$. This remainder cannot be filled by a sheet. The algorithm for the uniform distribution of sheets now states that the remainder r must be distributed uniformly – between the seams – over the previous spaces between the sheets. Then, all the sheets between two seams receive the additional intermediate space r/n . The actual output of the printing machine is not reduced under these additional intermediate spaces.--